
YOUTH COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE SERVICES

Monday, May 21, 2007

1385 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

Monthly Meeting Minutes

2:00 p.m.

Chair: Parley Jacobs, Chair

Present: Edith Bird, Rebecca Downs, Sandra Hemmert, Paul Jackson, Kevin Miller
(for Dr. John Latkiewicz), Roland Oliver, Jude Schmidt, Scott Snelson, Cliff
Uckerman, Sheri VanBibber

Absent: Lorena Horse, Angela Romero, Steven Titsenor

Excused: James Andersen, Kay Forbush, Senator Brent Goodfellow, David Melville,
Akilah Messado, Jon Pierpont

Guests: Chuck Krivanek, HR Manager-InterContinental Hotels Group

Staff: Amber Adams, Rod Barlow, Verlin Christensen, Cassy Hahn,
Steve Leyba, Mary Peterson

Youth Council committees met for 45 minutes at 2:00 pm. The Youth Council meeting began at 2:50 pm.

1. Opening Remarks & Introductions – Parley Jacobs

Parley Jacobs called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm and asked each member for a brief introduction. Chuck Krivanek, Human Resource Manager of InterContinental Hotels is attending as a guest and potential member. Also, Verlin Christensen attended the meeting and was introduced as Amber Adam's replacement as she has accepted a new job within the Business Services unit.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2007 – Parley Jacobs

Chairman Jacobs asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2007 Youth Council meeting with one correction. James Andersen's name should be removed from the Committee Reports as he was not in attendance and another member reported on the group's progress at this meeting. Sherri VanBibber motioned to approve the minutes with the noted change. Sandra Hemmert seconded the motion. All voted "Aye".

3. DWS Update – Steve Leyba

Steve Leyba provided the DWS Update on behalf of Jon Pierpont. Mr. Leyba began by recognizing Paul Jackson and his role as Chairman of Youth Council since 2003. Mr. Leyba expressed the skill, heart and compassion Mr. Jackson has brought to this committee and all he has done to help all youth in the valley. He presented Mr. Jackson with a plaque/clock in

recognition of his leadership and contributions on Youth Council from August 2003 to March 2007.

Paul Jackson stated how much he enjoys being part of the Youth Council and feels deeply about the committee. He thanked everyone for all they do to make things possible and acknowledged the hard work and effort given by so many. He concluded by stating, “When we can change the life of a youth, we change the life of the family.”

Steve Leyba then spoke about the merge of the Department of Health with DWS, which will take place July 1, 2007. 95 additional staff will impact Central region. This is a major change and will be implemented by July 1st. Chip open enrollment will also take place July 1, 2007.

4. Youth Service Project (Tooele) Update – Parley Jacobs

Parley Jacobs asked Jude Schmid to report on the following projects:

a. **Youth Service Projects – progress report – Jude Schmid**

The Youth Service Project was given \$1,000 to split between Salt Lake County and Tooele County. The Tooele County service project of planting flowers in the Tooele cemetery will take place June 8, 2007. Parley Jacobs noted that the motion to support the project of planting these flowers at Tooele cemetery was approved by the Youth Council via an email vote.

The Youth Service Project for Salt Lake County includes constructing a low ropes course. This rope course is designed to provide team-building activities and will take place at the Youth Services Center located at 177 West Price Avenue (3650 South). The dates where the youth can choose to come participate are May 23rd, 28th and 29th. For more information contact Marianne at 468-0135.

b. **Summer Youth Employment Opportunities Program – Jude Schmid**

Ms. Schmid provided an update on the Summer Youth Employment where the summer program for training and internships begins June 13th. This 8-week event will provide short-term training in a variety of areas. Space is limited (refer to handouts).

Scott Snelson noted there will be big changes taking place in the Tooele area. The short-term goal is to offer three new health care programs and the long-term goal is to build a Career Technical Education. These meetings are taking place every other week and the contact is Chairman Ed Dalton at 435-830-8551.

5. Update: Direction & Resources for At-Risk Youth – Parley Jacobs

Parley Jacobs provided an update on the direction and resources for At-Risk youth. He noted that work has been ongoing to allow public schools to get the names of those individuals at-risk and promote the opportunity to receive alternative education information. A waiver for the release of information has been implemented into a form utilized by the Granite School District. He noted that he is optimistic that if the families can get the waiver signed this will enable student information to be sent on to other agencies and educational partners. These forms will be collected and more information will be forthcoming.

Steve Leyba noted the next step is to try this out and determine if it will be successful and if so, implement into other districts. Steve Leyba will obtain clearance with DWS and after doing so a list of names will be provided.

ASSIGNMENT: Steve Leyba to review & obtain approval with DWS.

6. WIA Youth Performance Measures – Rod Barlow

A handout was emailed to the Youth Council to review before the meeting and a hardcopy was also provided. This information is reported to the Department of Labor and included Utah Outcomes and Regional Outcomes. Central Region is the largest region and carries the highest youth placement in employment or education.

7. YES Program Contract Report – Rod Barlow

Rod Barlow provided a handout of the Youth Council Report. He noted that the FEP caseload was dropping. The Activities of Youth Involvement was reviewed along with the Case Edit Scores and Performance Outcomes.

8. Youth Priority Point System Change – Rod Barlow

The Youth Priority Point System change was sent electronically to the Youth Council. A discussion took place at today's meeting where ideas and concerns were voiced. The outcome was to move forward with this change which will take place July 1, 2007.

The Department of Labor has indicated that they are requiring other barriers that need to be focused on. The level is set by our Council and the State Council approved the barriers to be included in the system. Native American, Disabled and Refugee were new categories. It has been recommended to change the total from 4 to 5 and to give Native Americans and Disabled three points and Refugee two points. Scott Snelson asked why School Dropouts was zero. Rod Barlow answered that this is because they are included in the Out-of-School definition. Changing to 5 points and adding points to these other populations provides a balance. If this is approved, can this be monitored and/or tracked to see if this is working. One concern voiced was by adding 3 categories and increasing these points, will this exclude others. It was wondered if we could leave the points at 4 and add the three new categories. This information will be monitored to see if too many youth are being turned away. A youth is brought on based on the minimum of priority points.

MOTION: Sandra Hemmert made the motion to approve the change to the point system requirement and new categories with the addendum that a previous data study will be prepared and that continue follow up of students that are potential enrollees will take place. Roland Oliver seconded the motion. Rod Barlow will provide a report of the first quarter of enrollees and a follow-up over the next six months to determine if the point changes affected enrollment into the program. All voted "Aye". The motion carries.

ASSIGNMENT: Rod Barlow to provide a report of the first quarter of enrollees using the new point system and a follow-up report over the next six months.

9. Youth Council Goals (report to Region Council) – Parley Jacobs

Parley Jacobs asked for feedback from Youth Council Chairs regarding committee support or accomplishment of the goals listed and established last year. He will be required to report these accomplishments at the June Region Council meeting. None were noted. He asked each Committee Chair to review and send him an email with committee goal accomplishments. It was noted that the Business Targeted Committee does not have a current chair. Verlin Christensen will work to make this happen.

ASSIGNMENT: Each Chair will email committee accomplishments pertaining to goals to Parley by June 11th.

ASSIGNMENT: Verlin Christensen will work on finding a Chair for the Business Targeted committee.

10. Next Meeting: Region Council & Youth Council Retreat – Parley Jacobs

August 20th is the next scheduled Youth Council meeting and the Regional Council & Youth Council Retreat is on the 23rd. Mr. Jacobs recommended that the meeting on August 20, 2007 continue to be held for one hour at the 1385 South State location beginning at 2:00 pm.

11. Other Business

August 23, 2007 is the retreat date to mark on calendars. This event will be held from 8:30 to 2:00 pm. The Youth Council will be invited to attend with the Region Council. At the retreat, new goals for the upcoming year will be planned. The location of this event will be forthcoming.

12. New Business

No new business was noted.

Today's meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2007 at 2:00 pm.